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TOPIC Parachute Training Over Győr 25X1

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1. Between October 1951 and October 1952, parachute training was practiced at Győr (4747 N/1738 E) airfield by Hungarian male and female youths who, upon reaching their 15th birthday, voluntarily joined the Hungarian Association of Fighters for Freedom (MSZSZ) (Magyar szabadságharcos szövetség). The MSZSZ conducted training courses in driving, parachuting, 25X1
Prior to the parachute training, a preliminary course was 25X1
a week in the yard of the former staff of teachers in Győr. 25X1
course involved athletics, jumping, and the folding up of parachutes. During the first four weeks, only preparatory practices for parachute jumping were made. The students were lifted by a thick rope running over reels to a wooden trestle from which they were released at different altitudes. The rate of fall was considerably reduced by the sliding friction of the rope. In the fifth week, practices in folding up the parachutes were started. In the eighth week, the first parachute jump was made. Groups of 10 to 12 students were dropped from a twin-engine aircraft of the Maszovlet Airlines over Győr airfield at an altitude of about 900 meters. Each jumper was equipped with two parachutes including one back-pack chute, 54 square meters large. Four or five additional jumps with the back-pack chute were made and subsequently jumps were conducted during which the jumper opened the chute himself. ¹

2. Parachute jumps by the MSZSZ were also made over Tata (4738 N/1818 E) airfield by members of the training course from Szombathely (4715 N/1637 E). 25X1

1. 25X1 Comment. The report confirms and supplements available information on parachuting in Győr by the MSZSZ. Győr airfield is used only by commercial aircraft and for pre-military training.

2. 25X1 Comment. Tata airfield is not known. It is believed that the airfield is of minor importance and is used only for pre-military practices. 25X1

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